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SUBJ: VISIT TO UAE OF TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER

1. TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGILN ACCOMPANIED BY A 12 MAN DELEGATION, ENDED A THREE DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UAE ON APRIL 1. IT WAS THE FIRST VISIT OF ITS KIND BY A HIGH-LEVEL TURKISH OFFICIAL TO THE UAE AND FOLLOWED EARLIER STOPS BY THE TURKISH MINISTER TO SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT. DURING THE VISIT, THE MINISTER MET WITH UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID AND THE RULERS OF DUBAI AND SHARJAH.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS PRIMARILY ONE OF GOOD WILL AND RECOGNITION BY THE GOT OF THE INCREASING AREA IMPORTANCE OF THE UAE. UP TO NOW, THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN KUWAIT HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR UAE AFFAIRS, BUT THE FOREIGN MINISTER ANNOUNCED THAT TURKEY WOULD BE OPENING AN EMBASSY IN ABU DHABI. IT WILL BE HEADED IN THE BEGINNING BY A CHARGE D'AFFAIRES BUT EVENTUALLY BY A RESIDENT AMBASSADOR.

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3. ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, THE TURKISH MINISTER APPROACHED THE UAEG, AS HE DID IN KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA, FOR CON-
CESSIONAL CREDIT TERMS FOR OIL EXPORTS TO TURKEY. SPECI-
FICALLY, THE TURKISH DELEGATION SOUNDED OUT THE UAEG
ABOUT LENGTHENING THE NORMAL 60 DAY CREDIT FOR OIL PURCHASES
TO 180 DAYS OR LONGER. THE UAEG INDICATED RECEPTIVITY

TO THIS APPROACH BUT CREDIT TERMS STILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT. THE TURKISH DELEGATION ALSO MET WITH THE ABU DHABI FUND FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL PROJECTS THAT MIGHT INTEREST THE FUND.

4. ON THE POLITICAL SIDE, THE MINISTER USED THE OCASION TO REVIEW TURKEY'S POSITION ON CYPRUS (AN ISSUE OF MINIMAL INTEREST IN THE UAE) AND LOST NO OCCASION TO EMPHASIZE TURKEY'S STRONG TIES WITH ISLAM AND SUPPORT FOR A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT BASED ON ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. ASKED ABOUT TURKEY'S RELATIONS WITH THE PLO, THE MINISTER SAID THAT TURKEY WAS WAITING FOR THE PLO TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO ANKARA AFTER TURKISH RECOGNITION OF THE PLO AND AFTER PERMISSION WAS GRANTED TO OPEN AN OFFICE THERE.

5. MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH DELEGATION TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT THEY WERE PLEASED AT WAY VISIT HAD GONE. OPENING OF AN EMBASSY IN ABU DHABI WOULD STILL REQUIRE APPROVAL OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE BUT THE FELT IT WOULD HAVE FIRST PRIORITY. THEY WERE IMPRESSED BY RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF UAE AND WERE MOST INTERESTED IN BEING BRIEFED ON EXTENT OF US-UAE RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN TRADE AND PETROLEUM SECTOR.
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